

2011-2012

Bonus Hunt for Sika Deer



Southern Hunt Zone

Assateague Island National Seashore

National Park Service



Bonus Hunt Regulations

DEER SEASON & BAG LIMITS

Type of Season	Species	Open Season	Season Bag Limit
BONUS HUNT (Shotgun & Muzzleloader) SOUTHERN HUNT ZONE	SIKA	January 14 (Saturday) & January 16 (Monday)	2 antlered 4 antler-less

****The following seasons will be CLOSED in the Southern Hunt Zone during the Bonus Hunt: ARCHERY, UPLAND GAME, FURBEARER, WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAME BIRD and portions of DUCK.**

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR BONUS HUNT

- To enhance and assure hunter safety, the maximum number of hunters allowed in the southern hunt zone for the bonus hunt will be 125.
- Access to the hunt zone will be on a first-come, first served basis.
- All hunters must sign in at the ranger station, no earlier than 3 am the morning of the hunt.
- Once the 125 hunter limit is reached, additional hunters will be allowed to stay on "stand-by" status and will be signed in. Stand-by hunters will have access to the hunt zone on a "one-on, one-off" basis, as hunters leave the hunt zone throughout the day.

DEFINITIONS FOR SIKA DEER

Legal Antlered Deer Definition "Sika" -

- An antlered Sika deer is one with at least one antler visible above the hairline

Legal Antler-less Deer Definition "Sika" -

- An antler-less Sika deer is one that is not antlered

Visible - To be seen with the naked eye, without optics

Licenses and Stamps

A valid State of Maryland hunting license with appropriate stamp is required to hunt on Assateague Island National Seashore.

For more information about the State of Maryland Hunting License requirements please visit dnr.maryland.gov.

Hunter Registration

New hunters at the Seashore are **required** to obtain a **hunter ID registration number (free)** at the Ranger Station. This hunter registration is your permit to hunt at the Seashore along with your valid Maryland State hunting license. You must obtain this registration number **prior** to hunting within the Seashore. Returning hunters must ensure that they keep their hunter ID card updated with current information; this system is in place for **YOUR SAFETY**. All hunters are required to sign in and sign out **each time** they enter or leave the hunting zone. **All hunters must check out no later than one-and-one-half hours after the end of official hunting time.**

Hunters With Disabilities

Hunters with mobility impairments may obtain from the state of Maryland a "Hunt from Vehicle Permit". Information on obtaining this permit can be found at DNR Regional Wildlife & Heritage Service Offices or online at <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov>.

Deer Shooting Hours

One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

All hunters must check out no later than one-and-one-half hours after the end of official hunting time.

It is required that one (1) of the first two (2) Sika deer harvested under the bag limit be antler-less.

Fluorescent Orange Requirements for Assateague Island NS

Any person who hunts on Assateague Island National Seashore or who accompanies, aids, or assists another person hunting such game during the Bonus Hunt are required to wear fluorescent orange. The garment must be a **HAT** of solid daylight fluorescent orange color **AND a VEST or JACKET** containing front and back panels. A minimum total of 250 square inches of solid fluorescent orange color **or** an outer garment of camouflage fluorescent orange worn above the waist which contains at least 50% fluorescent orange color.

Hunters utilizing ground hunting blinds during the Bonus Hunt must affix a cumulative total of 250 square inches of fluorescent orange to the exterior of these blinds on at least two sides (visible from two directions). Attention should be given to affix fluorescent orange to the "back" or "blind side" of their ground blinds. These blinds *must be removed* at the end of each hunt day.

DEER TAGGING & CHECKING INSTRUCTIONS

Deer Check-In

All game taken must be examined and recorded at the Ranger Station. All hunters are required to sign in and sign out at the registration box that is located outside the Ranger Station or inside during regular business hours, each time they enter or leave the hunting zone.


Deer taken on Assateague Island **will not** count toward State bag limits.

In accordance with Maryland State Law, all licensed hunters will be issued a Maryland Big Game Harvest Record upon purchasing a hunting license. Hunting licenses are not sold at Assateague Island National Seashore. Hunters not required to have a license must obtain a Maryland Big Game Harvest Record from a Maryland Sport License agent at no charge. All Hunters are required to have the Maryland Big Game Harvest Record in their possession at all times while hunting.

Field Tags and Maryland Big Game Harvest Record

In accordance with Maryland State law, a **field tag must be filled out in ink and attached to the head of the deer and a block on the Maryland Big Game Harvest Record must be filled out in ink** indicating species, date, county, sex and weapon class. After completing these steps the deer can legally be moved from the place of kill.

Field tags are provided in the "Hunting & Trapping in Maryland 2011-12" booklet, page 30. In cases where the hunter is not required to have a Hunting License, the hunter still must complete the tagging procedure. Field Tags can be made by using other paper and providing the information as described on page 30 of the 2011-2012 Hunting and Trapping in Maryland Guide. Unlicensed hunters will record the last four digits of their social security number followed by their zip code in the "hunting license number" section.

All hunters are required to register their deer with Maryland Department of Natural Resources using the Telecheck System. Hunters have until 24 hours after the kill is field tagged to check in their game. The Tele-check system can be accessed using one of the following methods: 1) Via phone by calling the Big Game Registration Phone Line at 1-888-800-0121, or 2) Via the internet at www.gamecheck.dnr.state.md.us  Hunters will be asked to provide a deer hunt code.

The hunt code for Assateague Island National Seashore is 585.

A hunter may not remove the head or hide or any part from any deer (except internal organs), or cut the meat into parts, until the animal has been checked in and the confirmation number recorded on the Big Game Harvest Record.

Entrance Fees

A seven-day vehicle pass is \$15.00 and an annual pass is \$30.00 (valid for a calendar year). Seashore entrance fees are collected throughout the year. Hunters can pay the required entrance fee at the Ranger Station.

For additional entrance pass information inquire at the Ranger Station.

Closures and Restrictive Project Areas

Due to park research and management projects portions of the hunting area may be closed for the season or on a day to day basis. It is the hunter's responsibility to check with the ranger station for these closures. **Hunters are responsible for being aware of any daily closures in the hunting zone.**

Hunters are prohibited from interfering with scientific research within the Seashore. All fenced, posted or signed areas; bay tide gauge stations, bayside SAV buoys, or any other research areas are not to be disturbed. **Hunters should avoid moving or altering any study equipment. If there is any doubt as to what an item is, leave it alone.** Researchers and other staff will be actively working in the field throughout the hunting season. Active projects this year will include the following;

- Mosquito ditch filling will occur on the western half of the island from approximately KM 28 to KM 29 including the Valentines Road and surrounding area. **This area will be posted in the field to indicate an ARCHERY ONLY area and a complete CLOSURE to all hunting. The eastern boundary of the archery only area will be marked by white carsonite posts with a firearms symbol and red slash through it to indicate no firearms beyond this point (refer to map). The western boundary of the archery only and start of the complete closure will be marked by brown carsonite posts topped with a white background with red lettering that reads, "NO HUNTING". Hunting will not take place west of these signs.**
- Occasional dump truck activity will occur along KM 18.9 (Hungerford) roads.



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Over-Sand Vehicle (OSV) Permits

Most areas open to hunting are accessible only by the Over Sand Vehicle (OSV) Zone. An OSV Permit along with special equipment is required when driving in the OSV zone.

The types of OSV Permits available are as follows:

- Daytime permit (5am-Midnight) - \$90.00
- 24 hour permit - \$110.00
- Bullpen permit - \$150.00 w/ approved self-contained campers

OSV permits are valid for one year from the month of purchase. Permits may be purchased at the Ranger Station during normal business hours. ******At certain times during storms, beach flooding, and other emergencies, the OSV zone may be closed to all public use.**

OSV Zone Location Markers

In the OSV Zone, decal numbers will be on 4-inch PVC pipes placed in line with the OSV corridor boundary posts marking OSV bay access roads, seasonal hunting roads and parking areas. The entrance to the OSV zone is located at KM 16. White posts marking the boundary of travel corridors will be topped in black tape, while posts denoting the location of off-beach travel routes will be topped in orange. **ALL** vehicles must stay east of the black and white posts while driving north-south.

Parking Areas

Hunters must park in designated areas as indicated on the map and signage in the field.

Tide Levels and Your Hunt

Vehicle access to the Southern Hunt Zone by way of the Over Sand Vehicle Zone could be impacted by higher than normal tides during certain parts of the season. This may result in a delay or closure of the Over Sand Vehicle Zone preventing access by vehicle. When high tide levels are predicted to be above 4 feet and at times of strong east to northeast winds, access may be limited. Please plan your trip accordingly.

For more tide information please visit:

http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/get_predictions.shtml?year=2011&stn=0280+Ocean%20City

For marine forecasts please visit:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/home.htm>



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Disease Alerts

Hunters are reminded that several wildlife diseases with potential impacts to humans could be contracted on Assateague. Lyme disease is transmitted by the Deer tick that is present in all vegetated areas of the island, particularly along deer and horse trails. The Salt Marsh mosquito is capable of transmitting Eastern Equine Encephalitis, and the Fresh Marsh mosquito can transmit West Nile virus. Hunters can reduce the potential exposure to these three diseases through the use of insect repellants and daily body checks for imbedded ticks. Rabies is also present in the county, so hunters should avoid bare-handed contact with raccoons, fox and other mammals. Hunters should report any abnormal behavior exhibited by animals as soon as possible.

In accordance with Maryland Law, all animal bites, scratches, or other possible rabies exposures occurring in Worcester County **must be immediately reported** to the Worcester County Health Dept., Office of Environmental Health, (410) 352-3234.

Taking Deer Carcasses out of Maryland

Maryland is considered a CWD positive state. Deer hunters must follow carcass importation regulations in other states when they transport a deer carcass out of Maryland. The surrounding states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia each have specific regulations as to whether they will allow whole deer carcasses or only parts of carcasses to enter from Maryland. Hunters are strongly encouraged to check state regulations before transporting deer carcasses.

www.cwd-info.org/index.php/fuseaction/policy.regulationsMap



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The attached hunting maps show the designated deer hunting zones. The hatch-marked areas on the maps delineates "no hunting" areas. Public hunting is prohibited in all the hatch-marked areas. Legal hunting areas are as follows:

SOUTHERN HUNT ZONE

- **Northern Boundary**

The northern boundary of the deer hunting zone is the east-west "double-track" trail located south of the "Life of the Dunes Trail." It is marked with "No Hunting" Signs. Hunting is permitted south of this line.

- **Southern Boundary**

The southern boundary is the Maryland-Virginia State Line. A beach-to-bay fence line delineates the boundary.

- **Eastern Boundary**

The white markers on the beach east of the primary dunes define the eastern boundary. These white markers also indicate the western limits of the Over Sand Vehicle Route Zone. Hunters may not hunt east (ocean side) of these markers. OSV users may not drive west (bayside) of these markers, except at designated crossings. Parking west of these markers is prohibited unless it is in a designated parking area. The hunting zone is primarily accessed by vehicles which have a valid Over Sand Vehicle zone permit. Hunters who do not possess a permit can access the hunting area by parking in the "Life of the Dunes" parking area and walking south on the trail until they enter the hunting area. Before entering or exiting the hunting area, hunters must unload their weapons (including the magazines).



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PROHIBITED HUNTING ACTIVITIES

- HUNTING on SUNDAY (This allows for non-hunting recreational activities and uses that are precluded during active hunting).
- Construction or use of any permanent tree stands or ground blinds. (Hunters may use portable hunting stands that do not damage vegetation; however, stands and ground blinds **MUST BE REMOVED AT THE END OF EACH HUNTING DAY**).
- Use of trail and route marking devices such as reflective tacks and flagging
- Use of "screw in" steps.
- Damage to any vegetation. This includes cutting, thinning, pruning, or removal of any vegetation.
- Hunting with handguns of any kind. Muzzleloading handguns are NOT permitted during muzzleloader season.
- Possession of a firearm while hunting with either a vertical or crossbow.
- Baiting of any type. Hunting over area known to be baited. Failure to report.
- Possession of a loaded and/or readily available weapon outside of any hunting zone. When exiting any hunting zone, weapons **MUST** be unloaded (including the magazine), cased and stored in a manner that will prevent their ready use.
- Driving Deer. 2 or more hunters driving deer through an area towards standers positioned for a shot.
- Hunting with a shotgun rifle combination.
- Hunting with a rifle.
- Muzzleloading handguns are NOT permitted.
- Use of Laser Sights.
- Use of dogs while hunting deer.
- The use of shotguns larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge for deer hunting.
- Use or possession of buckshot.
- Discharge of a weapon for other than a hunting purpose, except for making a muzzleloader safe at the end of an unsuccessful hunt.
- Failure to report to the ranger station all wounded game is prohibited. Hunters are required to make a concerted effort in locating (tracking) wounded game and are required to call the Ranger Station, (410) 641-3030, press 3 then 1, if tracking a deer will interfere with checking out on time.
- Wanton waste
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Field dressing of game in the campgrounds/developed areas of the park. The field dressing of game is to be completed *in the field*.



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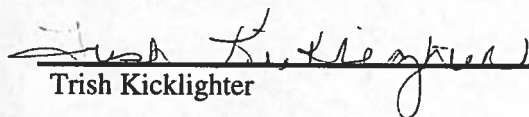


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CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information see the "Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping 2011-12" and/or the State of Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources website at www.dnr.state.md.us

For any questions on the pre-mentioned hunting season regulations please contact
U.S. Park Ranger B. Ramsey (Hunting Program Coordinator at Assateague Island N.S.)

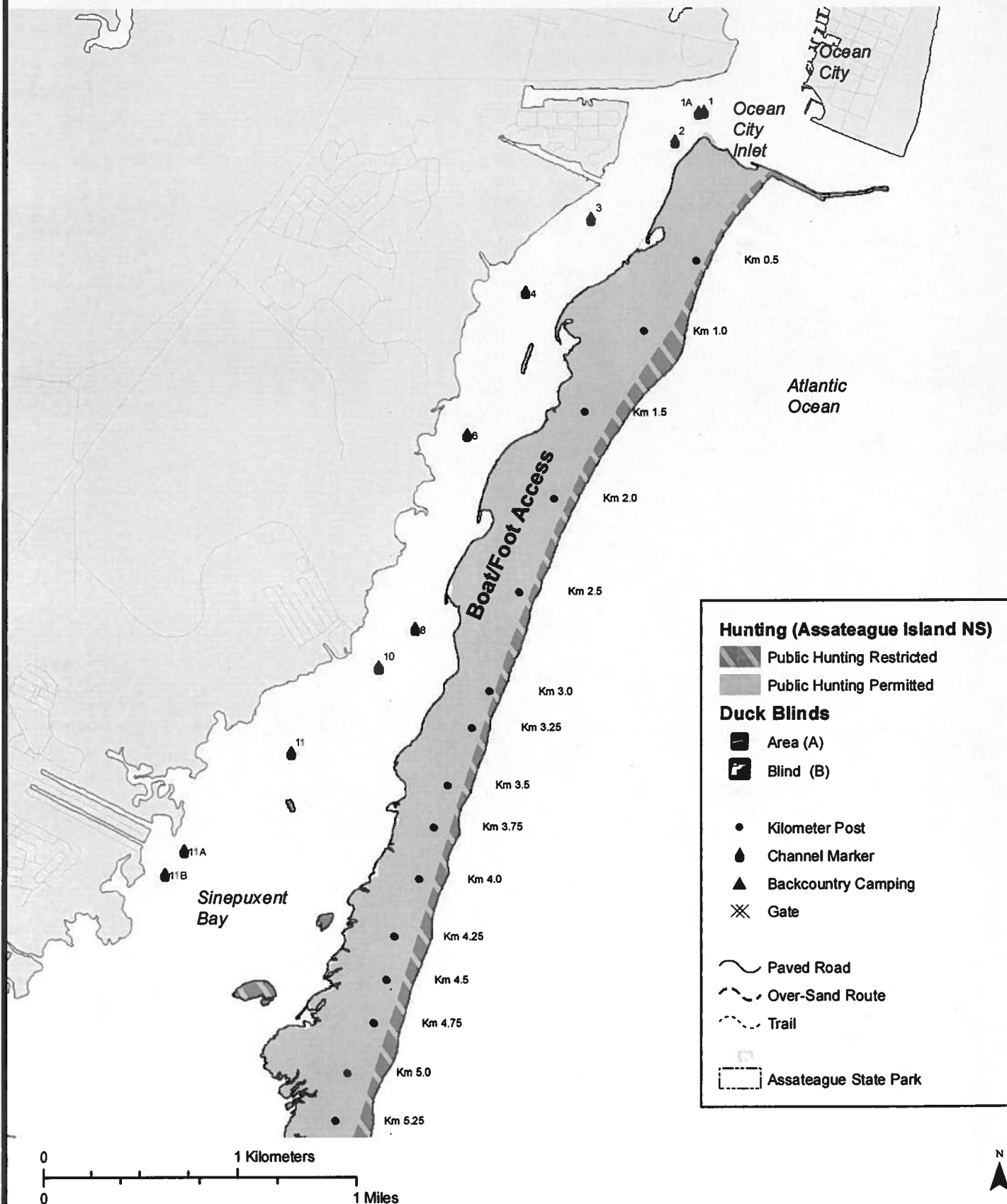
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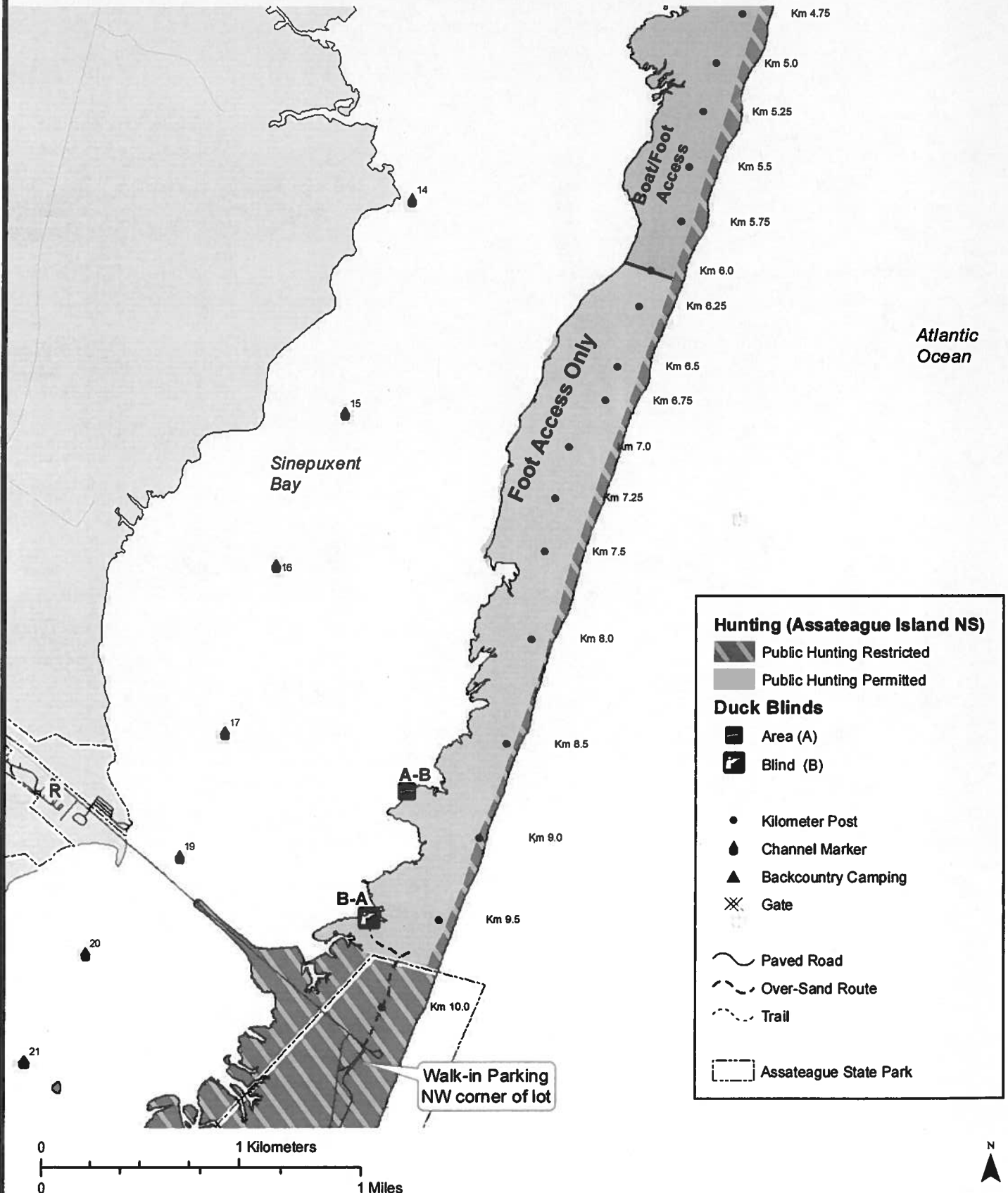
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General Hunting Map: North End Boat/Walk In



General Hunting Map: North End Walk In



Hunting (Assateague)

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Duck Blinds

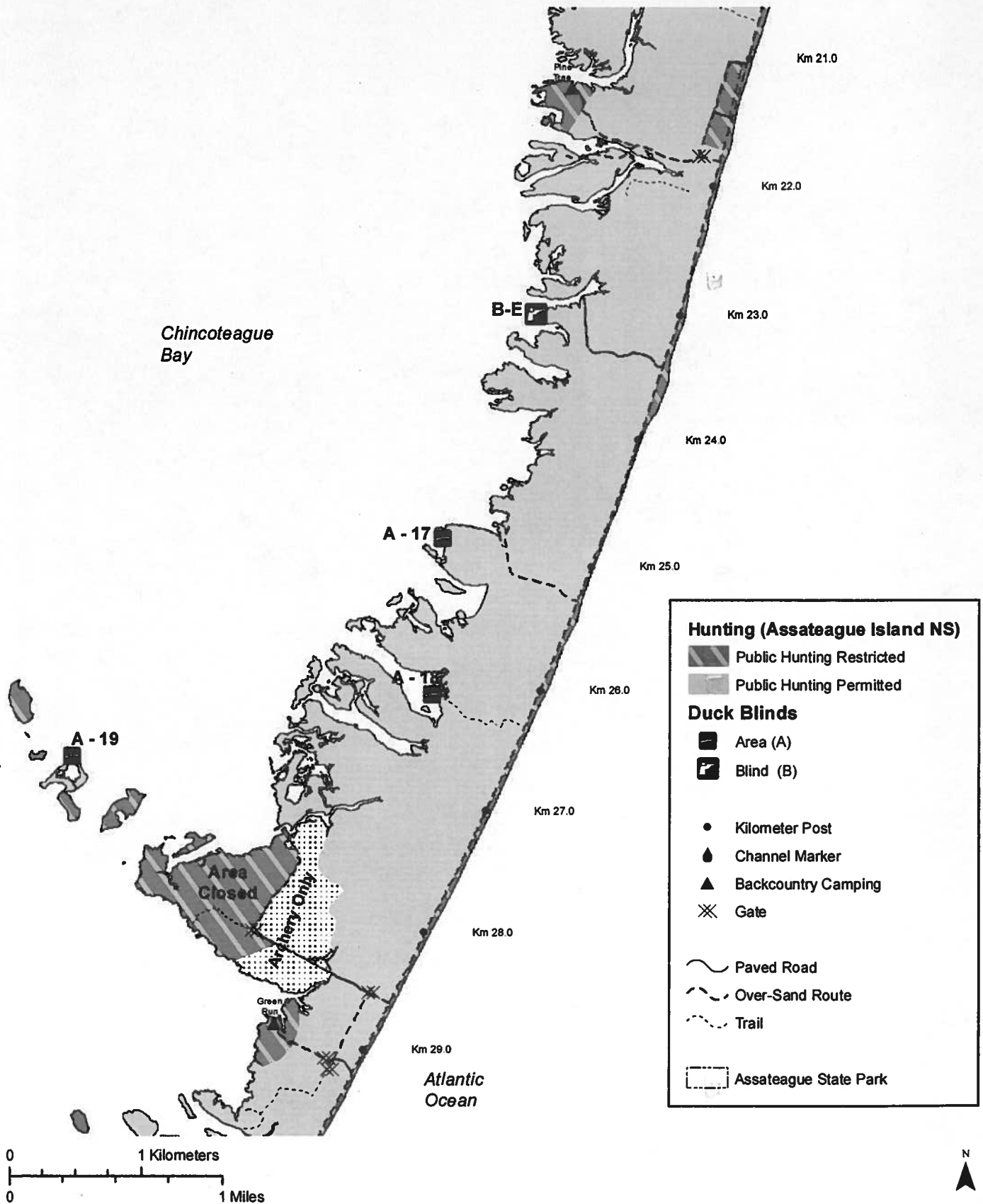
- Area (A)
- Blind (B)

Other Features:

- Kilometer Post
- Channel Marker
- Backcountry Camp
- Gate
- Paved Road
- Over-Sand Route
- Trail
- Assateague State F.



General Hunting Map: OSV North





General Hunting Map: OSV South

